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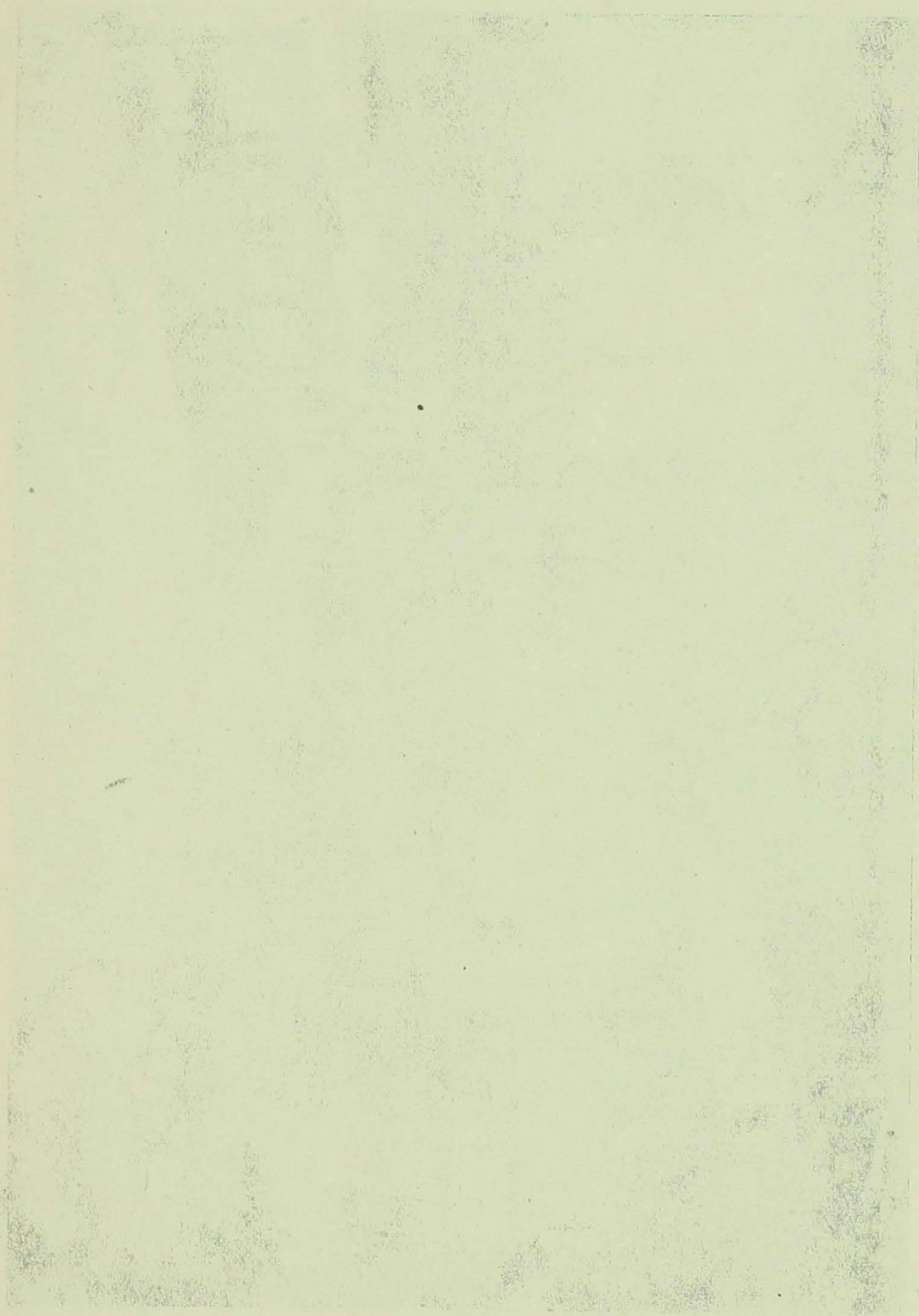


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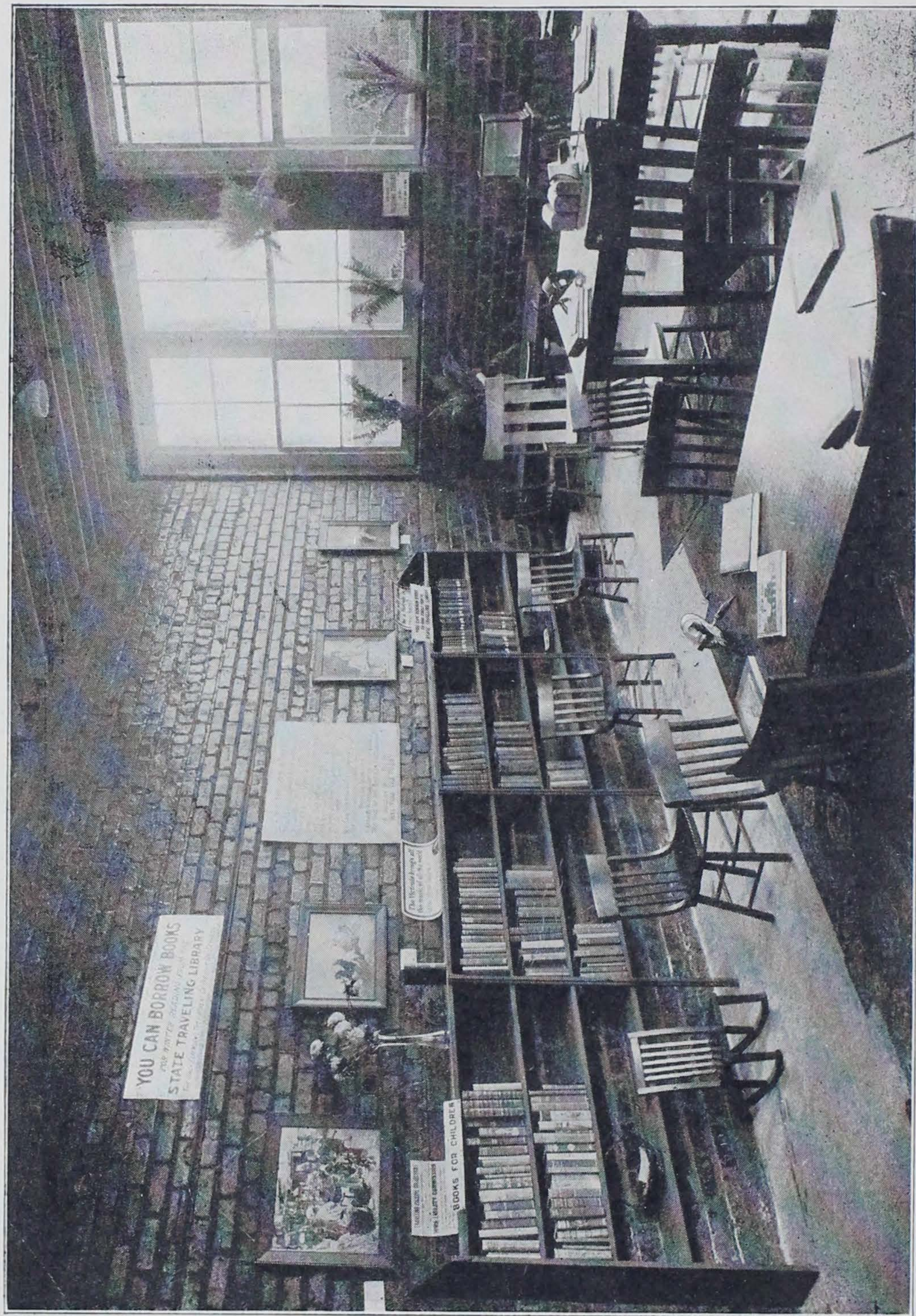












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HON. GEORGE W. CLARKE, *Governor of Iowa*:

In compliance with Section 2888-f, Chapter 18-A, Supplement to the Code of Iowa, I herewith transmit the eighth report of the Iowa Library Commission for the biennial period, July 1, 1914 to June 30, 1916.

JULIA A. ROBINSON,  
Secretary, Iowa Library Commission.

Des Moines, Nov. 1, 1916.



# LIBRARY COMMISSION

## STATE OF IOWA

The purpose and functions of the Iowa Library Commission, as outlined by the law under which it was created and the amendments which have since been made, have so frequently been stated that it scarcely seems necessary to take space in this report for a repetition. A brief account of work done in carrying out the requirements of this law would seem more to the point. However one or two items should precede this account.

*Commissioners.* During the biennial period covered by this report no change in the personnel of the Commission has taken place, Mrs. H. M. Towner, whose term expired July 1, 1915, being re-appointed for five years. The chairman and secretary remain the same.

Meetings of the Commission have been held quarterly in the Commission office in the State Historical Building.

*Legislation.* Legislation affecting the library work of the state enacted by the Thirty-sixth General Assembly consisted of an amendment to the Commission law making the appropriation \$15,000 instead of \$11,000, and to Section 728 of the Public Library laws authorizing a library board of five, seven or nine members instead of nine as previously provided, the number to be fixed by an ordinance of the city council. No change was made in the term of office or the method of appointment.

### LIBRARY CONDITIONS OF THE STATE.

*Free Public Libraries.* There has been an unprecedented increase in the number of free public libraries in the state during the biennial period, the question of the establishment of a library having been voted upon in fifteen towns and the vote successfully carried in thirteen of these, viz., Bedford, Belmond, Decorah, Greenfield, Hamburg, Logan, Malvern, Mt. Ayr and Waukon in 1915. and Britt, Reinbeck, Rock Valley and Wellman in 1916.

In the two places where the vote was unsuccessful the question will be resubmitted at a later date and a favorable vote is probable.



The addition gives a total of 131 free public libraries in Iowa on July 1, 1916, including the endowed libraries at Webster City and Whiting. The total number of volumes in these libraries is 1,126,073.

Seven of the new libraries are in counties previously without public library facilities thus reducing the number of counties without public libraries to seven. (The distribution by counties will be found among the statistics in this report.)

There are now seven counties, seventeen county seats, six towns with a population over 2,000 and eleven additional between 1,500 and 2,000 with no public library, hence the work of library extension in Iowa is not yet completed.

*Library Boards.* On July 1, 1916, five towns only had taken advantage of the law allowing a reduction in the library board, viz., Cedar Falls, Eddyville and Paullina to seven members each, and Eagle Grove and Pella to five each. The new libraries at Belmond and Greenfield were organized with boards of seven.

In addition the endowed libraries at Webster City and Whiting have boards of seven and six respectively, and the eight commission governed cities have boards of five each, appointed for five years.

*Library Buildings.* Three Carnegie buildings have been dedicated during the past two years, one at Cresco costing \$17,500, one at Garner costing \$6,500 and one at Traer costing \$12,000. A new building has also been erected at Central City from the proceeds



CRESCO PUBLIC LIBRARY—CARNEGIE BUILDING



of the sale of a farm which was given to the town for library purposes. This gives a total of 87 Carnegie buildings, 20 the gifts of other friends, and 12 libraries with no home.

Eleven other towns in the state at this time have a Carnegie building in process of erection or the assurance of a gift from the Carnegie Corporation, viz., Bedford, Harlan and Logan, \$10,000 each; Hamburg, \$9,000; Clear Lake, \$8,500; Britt, Malvern and Mt. Ayr, \$8,000 each; Greenfield, \$7,500; Reinbeck, \$6,000; besides \$10,000 for a building for the Leeds branch of the Sioux City Public Library. Several of these will be dedicated before the end of the year.

In addition Mr. Henry Crist of Belmond has given a lot and \$12,000 for a library building in that town, and by the will of Mrs. Roma Woods the town of Sutherland receives a site and a bequest for a library building.

*Public Library Activities.* These activities have not been confined alone to the organization of new libraries or the erection of new buildings. Much has also been done in the way of improvements to buildings and grounds of libraries already in operation as well as in the increased usefulness through extension of privileges, and greater publicity, and increased circulation over the preceding year is reported almost monthly by many libraries.

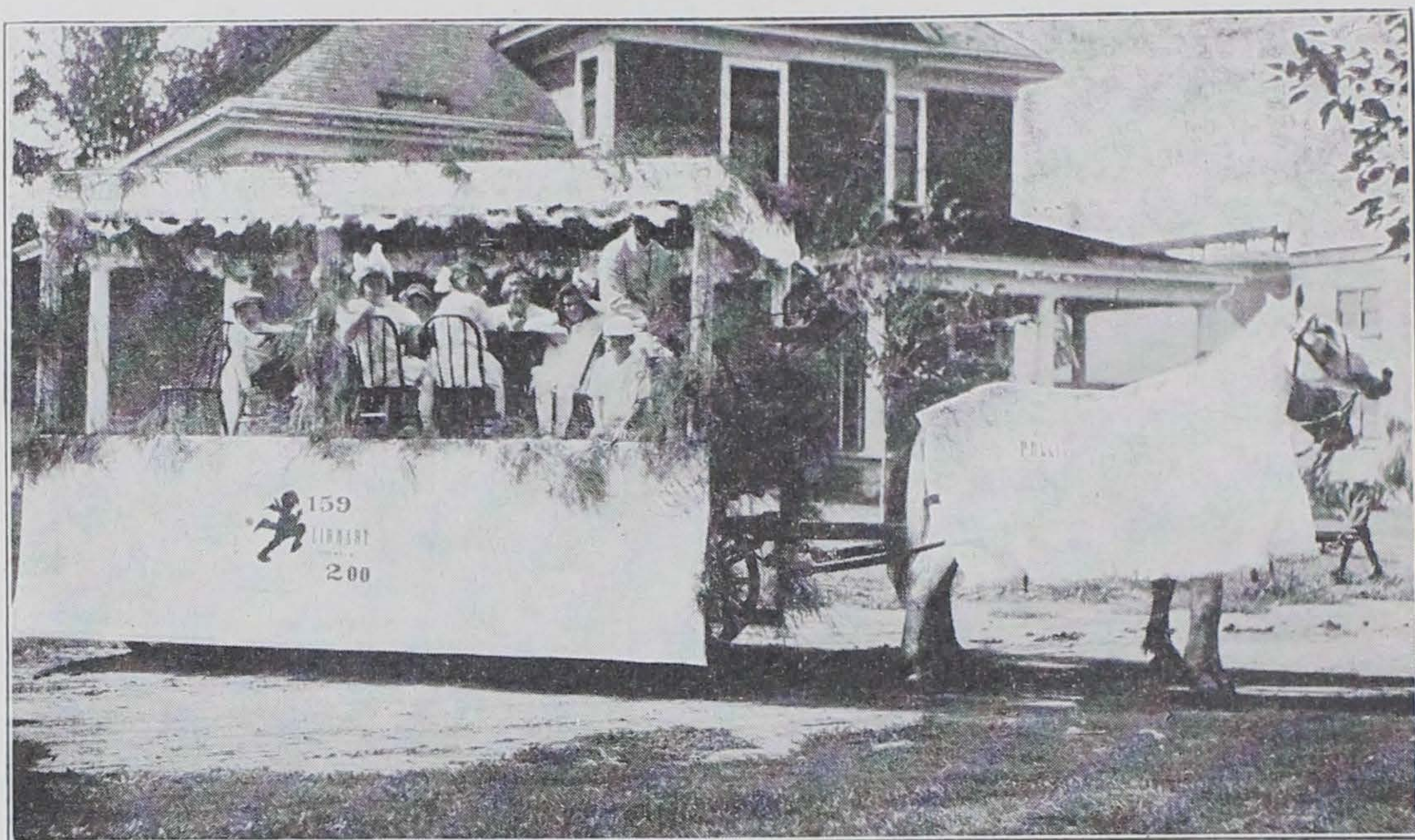
*Publicity* seems to be the keynote of library work at the present time throughout the library world, and Iowa, true to her character, is not behind in her efforts in this direction.

In consequence I am threatened with increased cost for my clipping service because of the large use of newspapers by the libraries of the state, and printed matter for display or distribution in the way of posters, bulletins, book lists and other advertising material forms part of the publicity methods used by all libraries.

Book displays in the libraries and window displays in stores, Good Book Week, special library days, bird house and garden contests, exhibits in the libraries and at county and other fairs, slides in moving picture shows and even a library float in an historical pageant may be mentioned as a few of the methods used to call attention to the library and attract readers to its books.

*Extension of Library Privileges.* The discontinuance of guarantor's cards, the privilege of borrowing a larger number of books at a time and for a longer period may be mentioned in connection with the extension of privileges.





LIBRARY FLOAT IN HISTORICAL PAGEANT AT RED OAK

That term may also be applied to the establishment of branches and stations by which books are made more accessible to those living remote from the main library. Eighteen libraries in the state report 492 agencies for the distribution of books outside the main library building but within the city limits. They are as follows: Ames, Boone, Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Council Bluffs, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Marshalltown, Mason City, Muscatine, Oskaloosa, Ottumwa, Sioux City and Waterloo.

*Rural Extension.* Closely connected with the extension of library privileges through stations and branches within the cities is the rural extension to towns and townships lying outside the municipal boundaries. This is provided for by the rural extension law which allows a maximum tax of one mill by the rural community for the use of the library. Thus many libraries enlarge their usefulness and communities too small to support libraries are supplied with reading matter.

At the time of the last biennial report fourteen libraries were extending their privileges to communities beyond their town limits. That number has been increased to twenty-four. The number of townships receiving this extension has also been increased in several places. The list is as follows:



Town.	Townships Served.	Basis of Levy.
Alden .....	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ mill
Burlington ..	1	1 mill
Cedar Rapids.	2	1-5 2-5 mill
Clarinda ....	4, 2 towns, 1 school corporation	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ 3-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ mill
Council Bluffs	1	$\frac{1}{4}$ mill
Cresco .....	3	$\frac{1}{2}$ mill each
Dunlap .....	1	1 mill
Eldon .....	1	$\frac{3}{4}$ mill
Eldora .....	1	$\frac{1}{4}$ mill
Fort Dodge ..	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ mill
Grinnell ....	1	$\frac{1}{4}$ mill
Grundy Center	1	$\frac{1}{4}$ mill
Harlan .....	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ mill
Iowa City ...	1	3-10 mill
Logan .....	1	$\frac{1}{6}$ mill
Onawa .....	6	$\frac{1}{2}$ mill each
Rockwell City	1	
Sac City ....	1	$\frac{3}{4}$ mill
Sibley .....	2	1 mill each
Tipton .....	1	3-10 mill
Traer .....	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ mill
Waterloo ....	2	1 mill each
Winterset ...	1	1 mill
Woodbine ...	1	8-10 mill

*Association Libraries.* The method of inaugurating a library project in many places is through a library association and the maintenance of a subscription library until sufficient interest can be created to secure a vote for the establishment of a library and the levy of a tax.

The total of such association libraries in the state is now about fifty. New ones were organized during the past two years at Calmar, Fonda, Fontanelle, Grand Junction, Lost Nation, Morning Sun, Orange City, Primghar and Winfield.

Several of these have already secured the necessary votes to become free public libraries and some have buildings under process of erection.

*Librarians.* The value of special preparation for librarianship is becoming increasingly recognized each year and the requirement of training either full or such as is given in the summer course is being required by library boards in the employment of librarians.

At the present time eighteen of the free public libraries of the state are administered by librarians with full school training.

In addition the librarians of colleges and other libraries in the state with their assistants and assistants in the larger public libraries give a total of fully fifty with such preparation for library work.



Fifty-two libraries of the state have graduates of summer school courses as librarians, while other such graduates occupy the position of assistants in various places.

#### IOWA LIBRARY COMMISSION.

*Extension and Supervision.* As in the past aid has been given by the Secretary of the Library Commission through personal visits, conferences with library boards, and correspondence, to communities and libraries in the formation of associations, campaigns for tax support, the selection of building plans, furniture, equipment and books, and in the encouragement and instruction of librarians.

Meetings of women's clubs both local, district and biennial, teachers' institutes, farmers' associations and other organizations have been attended and addressed in the interest of libraries and reading.

*Organization.* In addition to assistance given in the establishment of libraries, the work of extension and supervision includes also help given to libraries already in existence. To this end the secretary is assisted by a trained organizer whose services in the installation of modern methods and the instruction of librarians is of great value in increasing the efficiency of the smaller libraries whose income will not allow the employment of a trained librarian. The time spent in each place varies from a few days to three or four weeks, depending upon the needs of the work.



TRAER LIBRARY—CARNEGIE BUILDING



During the past two years help has been given to the public libraries at Alden, Chariton, Clarinda, Colfax, Eagle Grove, Grundy Center, LeMars, Marengo, Missouri Valley, Mt. Pleasant, Onawa, Spirit Lake, Stuart, Tama and Waverly, to Ellsworth College library at Iowa Falls, and the association libraries at Mt. Ayr, Wellman and Reinbeck. Many applications for such help are constantly on file.

*Staff.* The position of Librarian of the Traveling Library and that of Reference Assistant have been ably filled during the biennial period by Miss Reba Davis and Miss Mary Marks.

Miss Charlotte Goetzman resigned as organizer early in 1915 and Miss Willard took her place. Upon her resignation in February, 1916, Miss Gretta Smith became organizer, and still retains the position. The position of cataloguer has been filled by Miss Willard, Miss Smith and Miss Hazel Clark, the present incumbent.

Miss Emma Holt has been clerk and stenographer since Miss Septer's resignation in September, 1914. A second stenographer being allowed by the Thirty-sixth General Assembly, Miss Sadie Lewis was appointed to that position. Miss Florence Price and Miss Ruth Gass have acted as general assistants, but Miss Price will leave in September to take a course in one of the library schools.

Full time of a shipping clerk being needed the expense was granted by the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform from their contingent fund for such use.

Much credit is due to the members of the staff for their competent, conscientious, faithful service and to their cheerful co-operation much of the success of the work of the Commission is due.

The salaries are not equal to those paid for similar services in other states and an increase should be given to several of the assistants. The number of assistants is also inadequate for the increasing work, but the salary fund is limited and the appropriation itself, though increased by the last legislature, is not sufficient to grant an increase here and meet the other expense of the work.

*Publications.* The Iowa Library Quarterly is issued four times per year, as its name indicates, and with this year completes its seventh volume. It is mailed free to librarians and library trustees of all public libraries, and to the association, college and miscellaneous libraries of the state. An increase in the number of Quarterlies issued has been granted to meet the increase in the number of public libraries and that copies may be sent to a few of the Travel-



ing Library stations where it was thought the library interest might be stimulated. Testimony to the help of this publication to librarians and library boards are of frequent occurrence and fully justify its existence.

The leaflets now in print are as follows:

Iowa Library Commission Laws.  
 Iowa Library Commission: Its Purpose and Activities.  
 Shall a Free Public Library Be Established (Public Library Laws.)  
 Making a Library Beginning.  
 Rural Extension of Public Library Privileges (Laws).  
 Good Reading for Your Neighborhood.  
 Free Traveling Library of the State of Iowa.  
 Study Club Programs.  
 Study Club Outlines.  
 Books for the Blind.  
 Traveling Library Picture Collections.  
 Debate Traveling Library.

#### TRAVELING LIBRARY SUBJECT LISTS.

Agriculture  
 Art.  
 Domestic Science.  
 Modern Philosophy and Religion.  
 Child Welfare.

#### JUVENILE BOOKLISTS.

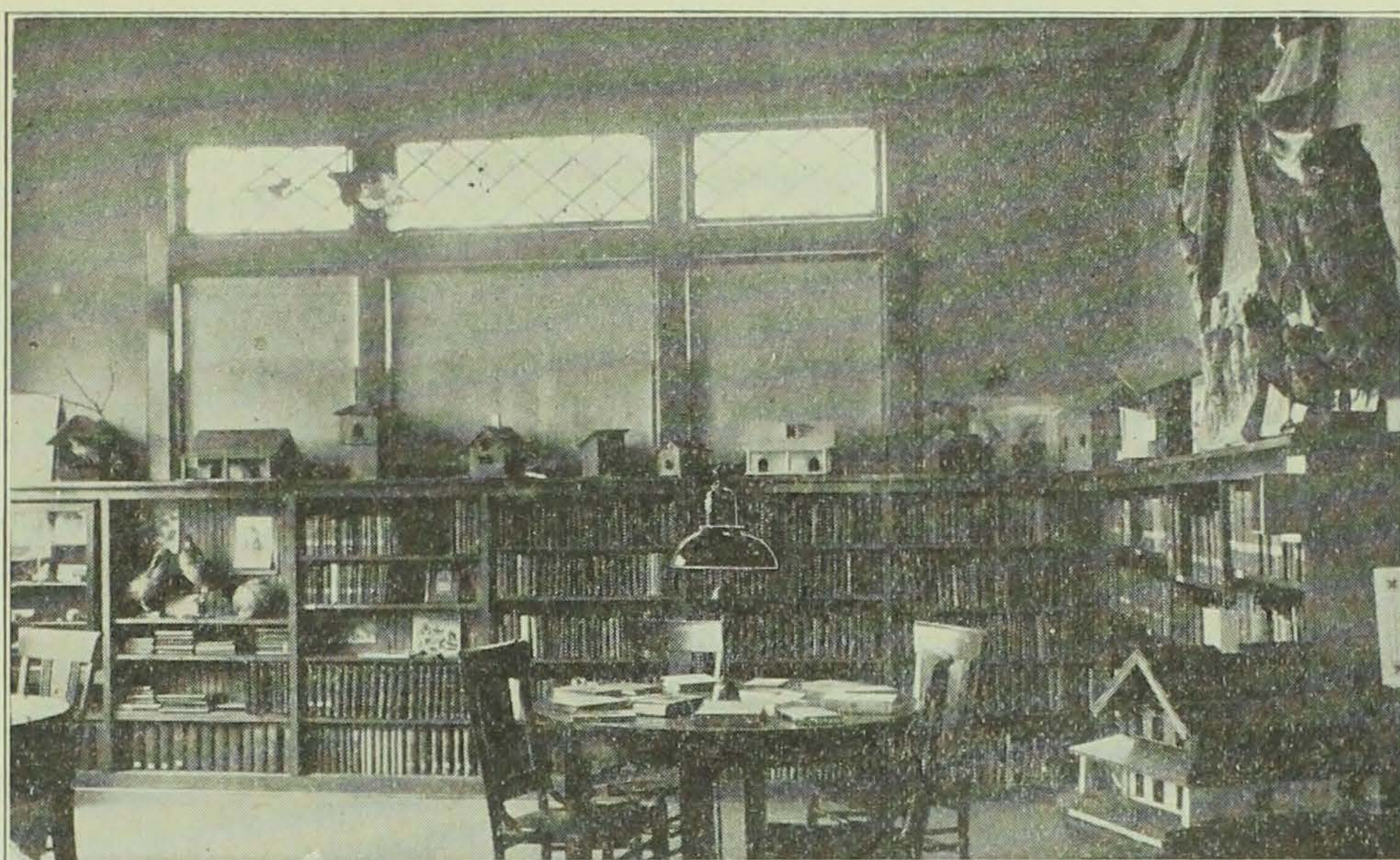
One Hundred Best Books for Boys and Girls.  
 Reading List for 4th grade.  
 Reading List for 5th and 6th grades.  
 Reading List for 7th and 8th grades.  
 Suggestive List of Children's Books for Christmas Purchase.

#### PUBLICATIONS OUT OF PRINT.

Iowa Day and a Few Books about Iowa.  
 Periodicals; Their Value and Use.  
 Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events.  
 Library Buildings.  
 List of Books Recommended for Children's Library; Compiled by Annie Carroll Moore.  
 Traveling Library Lists.  
 Check-list of State Publications.  
 List of Books by Iowa Authors.

*Blanks.* Blanks for annual reports required by law to the Commission and the City Council and for other reports from free and association libraries are furnished from the Commission office as well as those for use in keeping daily and monthly statistics, preparing year's budget and making certificate of tax levy to city council in the local libraries. Statistics for publication in the Iowa Official Register were also collected from the libraries and furnished to the Secretary of State. The librarian's register, inaugurated three years ago is continued.





CHILDREN'S ROOM—BIRD WEEK NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Library Meetings.* In co-operation with the Iowa Library Association six district meetings are held each spring. In 1915, LeMars, Villisca, Albia, Hampton, Tama and Carroll were the places of meeting, and in 1916, Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Fort Dodge, Waterloo, Davenport and Burlington.

These meetings are in the nature of conferences participated in by all in attendance, and their helpfulness lies in this opportunity for free discussion, in the fact that the questions considered are those of the smaller libraries, and because they are scattered over the state thus making a meeting each year accessible to librarians and library boards unable to afford the expenses of the state meetings.

A successful meeting of the Iowa Library Association was held at Marshalltown in 1914, and at Hotel Colfax in 1915. The attendance at the latter meeting was the largest in the history of the association.

*Detailed Statements.* The total annual appropriation for the work of the Library Commission is \$15,000. This covers all the activities of the Commission, Traveling Library, extension, salaries, traveling expenses, etc. Inasmuch as the law provides that all accounts and expenditures must be audited and allowed by the State Executive Council, the detailed statement of expenditures is given in the printed reports of the council.



Statistics regarding the public libraries of Iowa are given in each issue of the Iowa Official Register and those regarding school libraries will be found in the reports of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The law under which the Library Commission is authorized will be found in Code Supplement, 1913, under Sections 2888a and 2888c-2888h.

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## TRAVELING LIBRARY

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The Traveling Library now numbers 32,367 volumes, 13,900 of which are arranged in fixed groups of fifty books each for general reading by adults and children. These groups become small libraries in the communities to which they go where they are reloaned without charge to individual readers. Such traveling library stations are located in schools, churches, stores, post offices, homes and other convenient and accessible places. Many communities which would otherwise be bookless are thus supplied with reading matter.

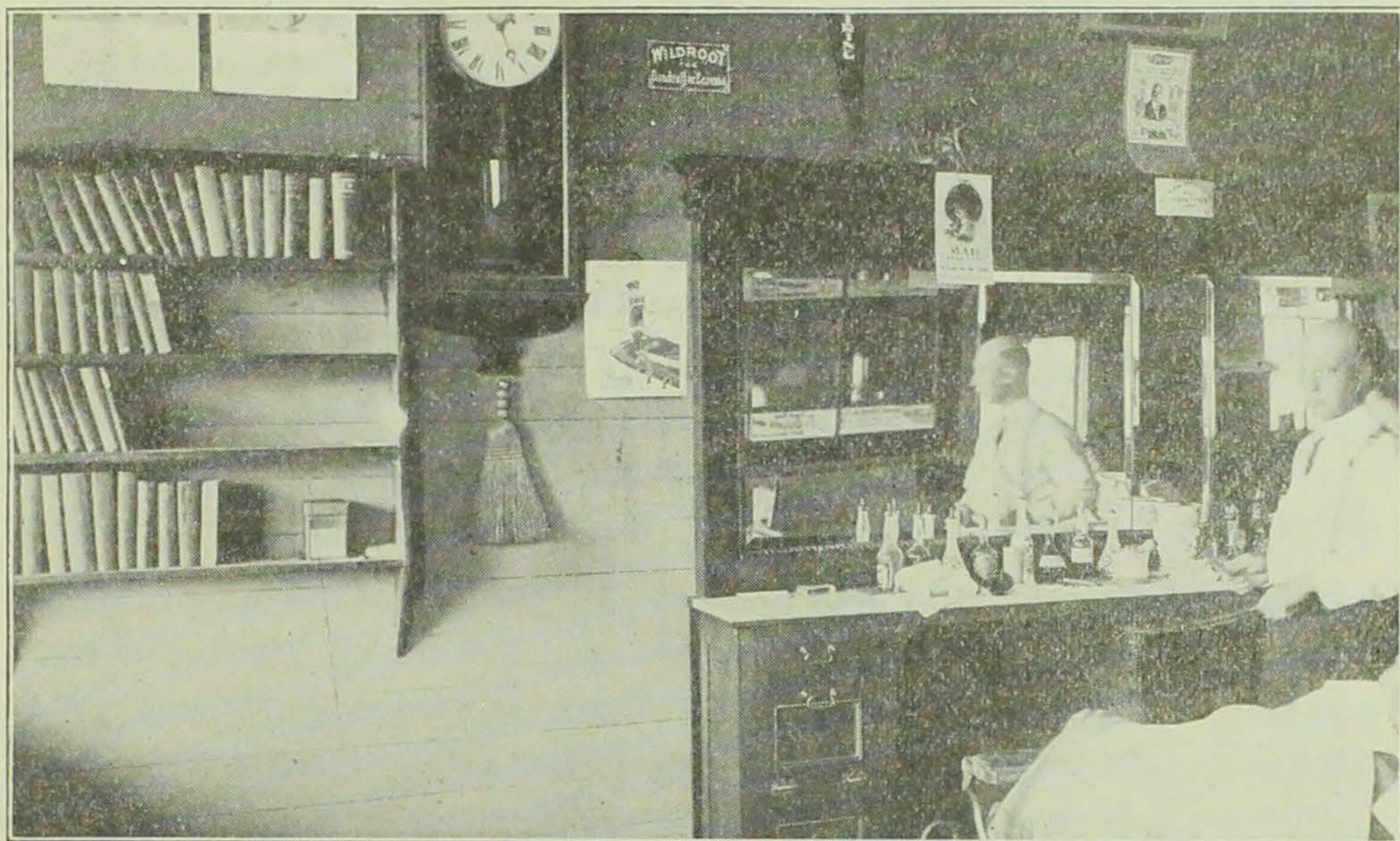
In addition to these fixed groups a general loan or open shelf collection is maintained from which selected groups are made up to meet the special needs of borrowers, whether study clubs, farmers associations, other organizations or individual students.

*Study Club Outlines.* In connection with the loan of books for study club work the traveling library maintains a large collection of study club outlines which are loaned to assist in arranging programs.

The outlines available include not only those belonging to the Library Commission but by co-operation with the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs through the Committee on Literature and Library Extension the outlines belonging to the federation are kept on file in the Commission office and loaned through the Traveling Library. The value of such outlines is large in directing and arranging the work of the clubs, and the increasing requests indicate that they are appreciated by the clubs.

*Debate Material.* One phase of the work is the debate material loaned to the high schools and smaller colleges of the state. For the subject selected each year by the High School Debating League a list of reference material is prepared and duplicated many times. Material also is supplied on the many other subjects of debate constantly called for.





TRAVELING LIBRARY STATION IN A BARBER SHOP

*School Work.* In addition to the debate material a large amount of work is done with the schools in the loan of books from the general loan and school district collections. The latter list was prepared by Mrs. Edna Lyman Scott and issued by the Department of Public Instruction and is duplicated many times in the Traveling Library thus making available to the schools a large number of desirable books.

*Books for the Blind.* The collection of books for the blind in New York Point has been enlarged from time to time and their use by the blind people of the state justifies the continuation of this department of the Traveling Library.

*Picture Collections.* A beautiful collection of colored reproductions of the work of American artists and a set of carbon prints of the Abbey pictures in the Boston public library have been added to the traveling picture collection during the past two years. These like other large exhibits are framed without glass and are loaned for a period of two weeks for free exhibit purposes to libraries, clubs, schools, churches and other organizations in the state. The smaller groups for study use also circulate freely. As the Library Commission is the only agency in the state from which pictures may be borrowed it would seem that a larger collection would be desirable.



*Commission Publicity.* But little advertising of the Traveling Library is done because without it the ability of the Commission to supply the books or handle the work is so nearly taxed to its utmost.

Still publicity is given to its work in various ways. Among these is co-operation with the State College of Agriculture through county agents and short courses by which the traveling library books on agriculture and domestic science are brought to the attention of communities which might not otherwise be reached, with resulting increase of loans on these subjects.

A state fair exhibit is also used to call the attention of state fair visitors to the work of the Library Commission and the Traveling Library. A room 25x30 in the women and children's building is now assigned to the Commission for that purpose. This room is made as attractive as possible as a reading room and also serves to show what may be done in fitting up a library room at small cost.

The Commission also feels that the ethical and educational resources of the state should be in evidence at the State Fair as well as its material resources.

*Christmas Exhibits.* With a little different purpose but still with the object of increasing the owning and reading of good books in the state, Christmas exhibits, of fifty books each, are loaned immediately preceding Christmas to assist librarians in interesting parents in the purchase of the better books as Christmas gifts.

*Doll Exhibit.* A private collection of dolls owned by the secretary has been placed at the disposal of the Traveling Library for loaning, and since October, 1914, they have been exhibited in twenty-four libraries. Applications are always on file for many weeks in advance.

#### SUMMARY.

The books in the entire Traveling Library collection July, 1, 1916, numbered 32,367 and are divided as follows:

Two hundred seventy-eight libraries for general reading in fixed collections of 50 books each.....	13,900
Open shelf subject collection for study and graded books for rural schools .....	18,467

Total .....	32,367
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During the biennial period 71,490 books were loaned in answer to 5,251 requests.

Five hundred eighty-two new stations have been registered during the biennial period.



## IOWA SUMMER LIBRARY SCHOOL

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For several years past a course in library training has been given by the State University as a part of its summer school session. This is not considered a substitute for full training at a regular library school, but offers partial preparation to those unable to take advantage of regular school work.

The course lasts six weeks each year and includes such instruction in library methods as the time permits. The outside lectures are always of an inspirational nature giving to the students a broader outlook on the library world.

Although no longer under the direction of the Library Commission the large co-operation given by the Commission in instruction and the loan of practice material gives it rightfully a place in this report.

In 1915 the school was under the direction of Miss Harriet E. Howe of Western Reserve University Library School with Miss Alma Penrose instructor in cataloging and classification, Miss Grace Shellenberger, children's work, Miss Julia A. Robinson, library administration and Miss Alice Williams, miscellaneous subjects and revising.

In 1916, Mr. Malcolm G. Wyer, librarian of the Nebraska State University Library, acted as director, and the instruction was given by Miss Alma Penrose in cataloging and classification, Miss Grace Shellenberger, children's work, Miss Julia A. Robinson, library administration, and Miss Blanche V. Watts, miscellaneous subjects and revising.

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## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF IOWA

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The report of the Iowa Library Commission for 1908-1910 contained brief sketches of the public libraries of Iowa then in existence. In order to bring such information to date, sketches of the following libraries, established since that report, are here given.

*Alden.* This is one of the older libraries of the state, a library association being formed and a library of 300 volumes opened in February, 1882. A small building was soon erected by the association and the library remained there for a number of years.



The tax vote was taken in 1906 and a gift of \$9,000 for a building secured from the Carnegie Corporation in 1913. The present value of the property is estimated at \$13,000. One township is supplied with books from this library under the rural extension law.

*Bloomfield.* A library association was formed in April, 1912, and a vote for the establishment of a library taken in September of the same year, but the library was not opened until the completion of the Carnegie building in 1913. The gift from the Carnegie Corporation for the erection of a library building was \$10,000 and the total value of the property is now estimated at \$12,000.

*Callender.* There is but one smaller town in the state with a free public library and that only 39 less, Callender having a population of 398 and Paton 359.

A library association was formed in Callender in May, 1903, and a vote allowing a tax levy was passed the same year, and the library opened with 189 volumes. The library had been maintained for a number of years on the income from a tax of one mill on the dollar, before its existence as a free public library came to the notice of the Library Commission. It is located in the postoffice, the postmaster acting as librarian. The small collection of books is supplemented by a Traveling Library borrowed from the Commission.

*Clear Lake.* The original library association was formed in 1890 but no tax was voted until 1914.

The library is located in the city hall but a lot, costing \$2,000, has been purchased with funds donated by citizens, and plans for a \$10,000 building are now in the hands of the Carnegie Corporation for approval.

*Dunlap.* The first collection of books forming the nucleus of the present library was made by the Fortnightly Club which maintained the library until a vote was taken in April, 1911, authorizing tax support. This club still donates from 50 to 100 books each year and in addition has entirely furnished the basement including an auditorium and rest room.

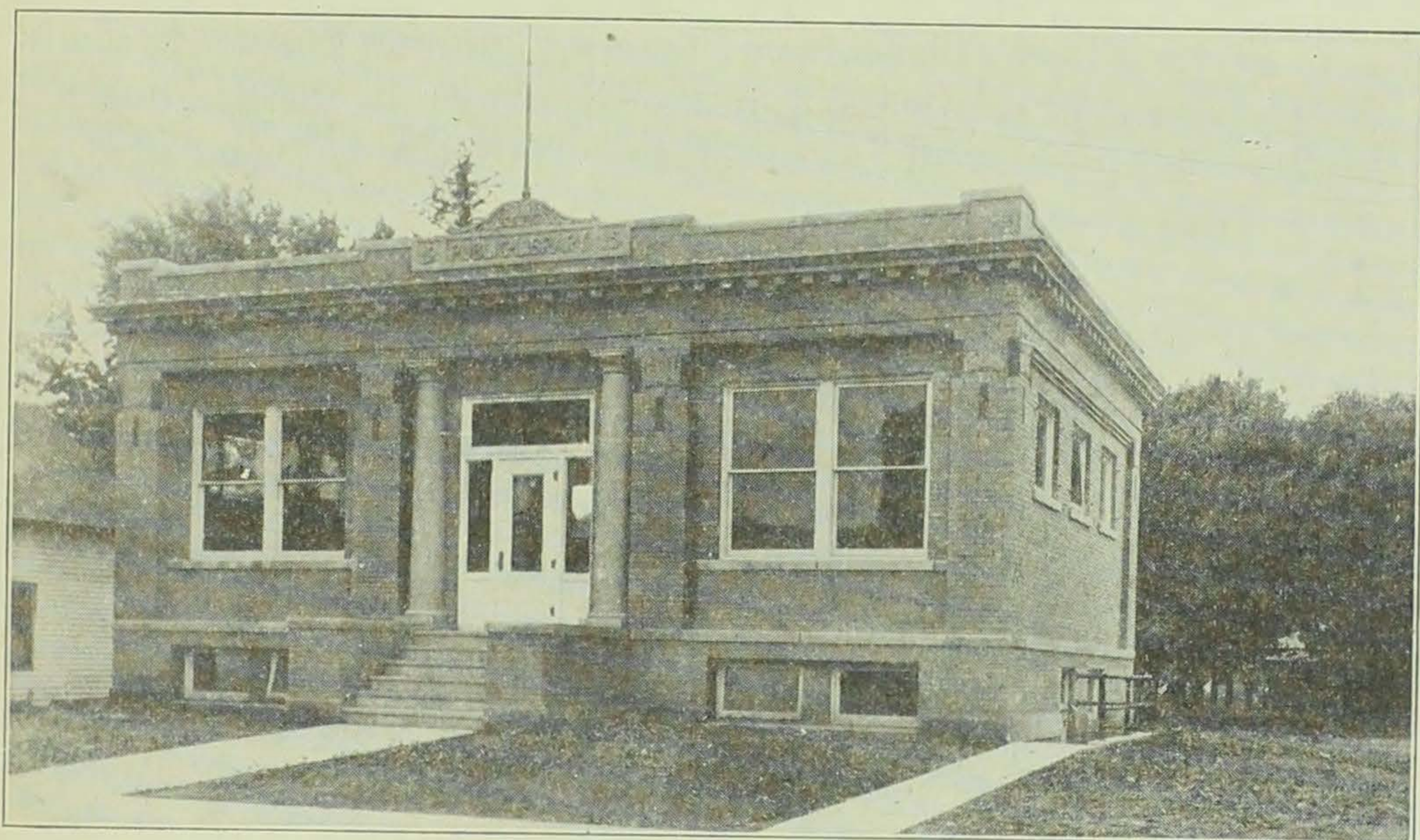
The Carnegie building cost \$10,000 and was occupied in January, 1913. For nine years previous to that time the library was located in a room over the Dunlap State Bank. A legacy of \$2,500 was received to furnish the children's room and give a fund for the purchase of books. The present value of the property is estimated at \$15,000.



*Garner.* This is one of the oldest libraries in the state, the library association being organized by the women in 1873 and a library opened before a church was organized in Garner.

The association erected a small library building and carried on the library work until 1911 when a tax was authorized by a vote for the establishment of a library.

In 1915 a gift of \$6,500 was secured from the Carnegie Corporation and a library building erected. The library is situated on the main street of the town. The present value of the property is estimated at \$8,650.



GARNER PUBLIC LIBRARY—CARNEGIE BUILDING

*Knoxville.* A library association was formed in 1910 and a library opened with 300 volumes. The library became tax supported in 1912. Previous to 1913 the library was located in the Court House but in 1912 a gift of \$10,000 was secured from the Carnegie Corporation and a building erected and dedicated in 1913. The present value of the property is estimated at \$20,000.

*Oelwein.* A library association was formed in May, 1911, and a vote for the establishment of a library carried in August of the same year, and the library opened in January, 1912. The library is located in the city hall.

*Sac City.* A library association was formed in January, 1907, and a library of 100 volumes opened the same month. A vote for



the establishment of a free public library was successfully carried in 1910.

Previous to the opening of the Carnegie building the library was located in the city hall. In 1912 a gift of \$8,000 was secured from Mr. Andrew Carnegie and a new building erected. The present value of the property is \$12,000.

*Sigourney.* A library association was organized in 1912 and a vote for the establishment of a free public library passed the same year. Previous to that time, however, various attempts had been made to organize a library, and a number of library associations had been founded which were of short duration.

In 1914 a gift of \$10,000 for a library building was secured from the Carnegie Corporation and on the completion of the building a library was opened with 1,141 volumes. The estimated value of the property at present is \$11,350.

*Traer.* The library association was organized in 1911 and a library opened with 475 volumes. The library became tax supported in 1913.

By the sale of land formerly used for a fair ground \$15,000 was realized which was used in the purchase of a site for a building, a payment of \$75.00 on paving and a sum placed at interest for future use.

A gift of \$10,000 was secured from the Carnegie Corporation and a building erected in 1915. Previous to that time the library occupied an old building purchased and remodeled by the Woman's Federation.



# STATISTICS OF IOWA LIBRARIES FOR 1915—FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Number	Place	Population 1915	Librarian	Year founded	Books			Borrowers	
					Total number volumes	Volumes added 1915	Number volumes loaned 1915	City	Country
1	Albia	5,138	Laura M. Duncan	1906	4,687	349	17,950	3,677	13
2	Alden	806	Cora J. Haeussler	1882	2,266	285	5,943	442	98
3	Algona	3,593	Gertrude I. Sheridan	1898	7,214	192	26,089	1,662	23
4	Ames	5,091	Kittie B. Freed	1904	9,110	817	15,837	2,749	15
5	Anamosa	2,822	Elsie Remley	1903	5,075	173	14,348		4
6	Atlantic	5,039	Mary N. Adams	1903	5,736	300	21,659	2,205	50
7	Audubon	2,084	Mrs. L. V. Delahoyde	1912	4,153	561	16,667	900	50
* 8	Bedford	1,950	Pearl Robinson						
* 9	Belmond	1,419							
10	Bloomfield	2,222	Mrs. Mary H. Hinkle	1913	2,533	276	8,402	811	
11	Boone	12,253	Bessie Moffatt	1885	15,707	756	19,338	3,719	16
* 12	Britt	1,445							
13	Burlington	24,261	Miriam B. Wharton	1885	39,278	1,839	113,336	7,086	298
† 14	Calender	398	Florence Peterson	1903					
15	Carroll	4,031	Mrs. Bess Byerly	1900	4,468	255	6,199	1,124	2
16	Cedar Falls	6,284	Eunice H. Overman	1876	14,347	765	19,085	2,485	3
17	Cedar Rapids	40,667	E. Joanna Hagey	1897	35,252	2,941	208,712	11,855	
18	Centerville	7,803	Elizabeth Gault	1901	7,171	144	15,184	1,097	2
19	Central City	735	Fannie E. Porter	1895	2,855		5,310		32
20	Chariton	5,235	Eleanor LeMar	1900	4,551	458	24,763	2,034	21
21	Charles City	6,374	Belle Caldwell	1877	10,431	662	26,890	3,952	29
22	Cherokee	4,704	Helen M. Taylor	1898	8,295	401	16,568	1,261	13
23	Clarinda	4,478	Maide Baker	1905	7,767	616	26,776	1,344	453
24	Clarion	2,553	Mrs. Anna Nagle	1908	4,108	310	13,602	1,194	6
25	Clear Lake	2,741	Pearl McDowell	1890	2,746	344	12,787	800	
26	Clinton	26,091	Anna M. Tarr	1902	21,715	1,535	96,367	10,464	9
27	Colfax	2,607	Josephine Logsdon	1892	4,101	200	4,074	467	19
28	Corning	1,884	Idelle Riddile	1897	5,886	191	9,551	1,290	175
29	Council Bluffs	31,354	Ione Armstrong	1881	29,914	1,982	156,595	10,322	20
30	Cresco	3,199	Abbie J. Converse	1904	5,139	996	16,613	1,153	114
31	Davenport	48,483	Grace D. Rose	1900	42,669	2,720	192,098	11,320	21
* 32	Decorah	4,021	Mrs. Alice C. Griswold		1,775	20	1,449	344	6
33	Denison	3,455	Grace E. Meyers	1904	8,104		29,864	1,611	



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Number	Place	Population 1915	Librarian	Year founded	Books			Borrowers	
					Total number volumes	Volumes added 1915	Number volumes loaned 1915	City	Country
34	Des Moines	105,652	Charles E. Rush	1882	68,591	3,754	328,666	17,268	3
35	DeWitt	1,877	Elsie F. Saxton	1902	2,621	108	6,201		7
36	Dubuque	41,795	Almira R. Wilcox	1902	49,935	2,158	102,201	7,291	
37	Dunlap	1,393	Mrs. B. H. Cutler	1913	2,683	268	4,868	660	83
38	Eagle Grove	4,038	Elsie B. Dann	1904	3,055	241	9,061	822	7
39	Eddyville	1,046	Mrs. Fannie Wing	1909	1,398	204	4,882		10
40	Eldon	2,030	Jessie M. Alford	1907	2,843	211	10,263	581	92
41	Eldora	2,720	Mrs. M. E. Wheelock	1878	6,151	435	10,143	877	18
42	Emmetsburg	2,647	Mrs. Lillian Appleby	1908	3,563	340	13,697	1,282	60
43	Estherville	4,123	Mrs. S. M. Davidson	1903	7,276	605	16,678	1,300	20
44	Fairfield	6,113	H. M. Dysart	1853	26,267	417	16,369	902	28
45	Forest City	2,135	Pearl Bahner	1909	3,129	168	7,635	1,153	
46	Fort Dodge	19,372	Isabella C. Hopper	1895	16,334	1,191	54,935	5,953	144
47	Fort Madison	9,507	Rebecca Hesser	1893	8,847	554	24,678	1,515	1
48	Galva	478	Mrs. G. E. Missildine	1907	1,571	163	3,565	200	50
49	Garner	1,226	Mrs. Alice Hahn	1907	2,034	138	4,648	459	22
50	Glenwood	3,291	Neva Russell	1906	3,774	314	10,120	873	219
* 51	Greenfield	1,624	Belle Sidey						
52	Grinnell	5,061	Nina M. Brecount	1894	11,932	346	30,050	1,621	879
53	Grundy Center	1,629	Mrs. M. L. Murray	1912	4,077	302	11,295	619	106
* 54	Hamburg	2,204	Mrs. W. T. Davidson	1914	545	188	3,283	348	
55	Hampton	3,025	Mary E. Kingsbury	1892	5,608	276	16,088	1,329	75
* 56	Harlan	2,825							
57	Hawarden	2,025	Jennie P. Smith	1901	2,535	159	7,757	899	1
† 58	Hawkeye	614	Mrs. M. S. Rogers	1898					
59	Humboldt	2,061	Nellie F. Pinney	1909	3,406	303	12,121	1,309	16
60	Independence	3,683	Minnie Markham	1873	6,200	235	13,966	1,179	8
61	Indianola	3,495	Helena S. LeFevre	1884	8,407	216	30,388	981	10
62	Iowa City	12,033	Helen McRaith	1897	15,570	878	50,071	5,375	18
63	Iowa Falls	3,716	Mrs. F. G. Anders	1895	5,490	223	14,506	820	7
64	Jefferson	3,103	Mrs. Ida B. Head	1901	5,426	326	9,620	528	10
65	Keokuk	15,239	Nannie P. Fulton	1863	23,948	893	86,889	5,116	3
66	Knoxville	3,541	Ruth E. Browne	1912	3,872	517	24,656	1,207	12



67	Lake City	2,224	Blanche I. Hackett	1905	2,557	251	9,725	1,289	17
68	Laurens	848	Mrs. E. G. Coffin	1906	975	70	2,491		
69	LeMars	5,070	Mae Smith	1905	6,441	279	12,078	1,650	15
70	Leon	2,199	Mrs. Sada Stout	1906	3,210	108	20,824	2,096	
* 71	Logan	1,641	Mary E. Rice	1913					
* 72	Malvern	1,254	Mrs. Ruth Roberts	1913					
73	Manchester	3,102	Margaret E. Lindsey	1900	7,204	572	19,177	1,634	38
74	Maquoketa	3,776	Ida. M. Simpson	1904	9,784	182	19,663	1,868	16
75	Marengo	2,037	Anna Patterson	1904	3,925	321	8,400	850	28
76	Marion	4,675	Katherine M. Pierce	1902	5,321	368	15,553	1,762	
77	Marshalltown	16,065	Anna Maude Kimberly	1898	16,683	660	77,295	5,237	91
78	Mason City	17,152	Mrs. Bertha S. Baird	1893	14,670	1,556	67,669	6,944	
79	Maxwell	856	Pearl Stark	1901	1,328	75			
80	Missouri Valley	3,764	Bess K. O'Connor	1887	3,680	262	12,421	519	3
81	Monticello	2,159	Jeanette Hazard	1904	4,893	343	13,889		5
* 82	Mount Ayr	1,708	Mrs. T. J. Williams	1913					
83	Mount Pleasant	4,089	Mrs. Florence McKibbin	1902	14,655	558	18,333	1,883	18
84	Muscatine	15,785	Ellen G. Stocker	1901	14,763	706	55,761	4,205	15
85	Nashua	1,282	Fannie V. Eastman	1902	3,453	200	10,271	590	46
86	Nevada	2,686	Alice Lewis	1876	6,954	80	7,721	727	3
87	New Hampton	2,664	Isabella Powers	1898	4,710	260	10,870	1,138	
88	Newton	5,165	Elizabeth M. King	1896	9,830	751	23,517	1,637	63
89	Odebolt	1,236	Grace Hanson	1898	3,268	144	4,465	536	24
90	Oelwein	7,137	Ruth Gibbons	1911	4,124	965	24,769	1,563	32
91	Onawa	2,210	Helen E. Allen	1902	9,670	203	34,754	1,263	†
92	Osage	2,779	Rena Gray	1875	5,867	218	22,619	1,226	54
93	Osceola	2,714	Mrs. Anna W. Karr	1911	3,899	383	12,012	938	55
94	Oskaloosa	10,485	Eleanor M. Fawcett	1899	11,336	1,034	58,355	2,864	118
95	Ottumwa	22,437	May B. Ditch	1902	35,121	1,309	89,068	2,899	50
96	Paton	359	Mrs. W. S. Grant	1909	2,090	57	4,414	211	50
† 97	Paullina	875	Evelyn Cowan	1908					
98	Pella	3,096	Leona Reuvers	1906	6,742	886	18,350	1,330	40
99	Perry	5,455	Flora B. Bailey	1904	6,436	636	20,908	2,091	7
100	Red Oak	5,601	Sarah Palmer	1908	6,309	934	26,157	2,616	25
* 101	Reinbeck	1,257	Phyllis Campbell	1915	950				
102	Rock Rapids	2,031	Mrs. Emma D. Anderson	1893	5,302	135	10,239	591	12
* 103	Rock Valley	1,306							
104	Rockwell City	1,864	Mrs. F. H. Allan	1909	3,743	277	9,563	865	52
105	Sac City	2,521	Nan Denman	1912	2,708	362	12,693	1,093	49
106	Sanborn	1,456	Irene M. McNeill	1901	2,760	193	6,045	584	8
107	Sheldon	3,323	Margaret McCandless	1897	4,962	482	11,596	1,097	6
108	Shenandoah	5,637	M. Berdena Jay	1905	7,737	497	28,538	1,665	200
109	Sibley	1,755	Mrs. J. H. Harvey	1908	1,834	166	5,657	715	25
110	Sigourney	2,109	Mrs. Orel M. Crocker	1914	1,595	281	7,749	627	15
111	Sioux City	61,774	Jeanette M. Drake	1877	52,735	4,800	282,869	15,400	300
112	Spencer	4,176	Mrs. Anna L. Duble	1905	5,535	768	13,560	1,198	19
113	Spirit Lake	1,602	Bernice Nicoll	1894	2,243	362	9,862	713	23



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Number	Place	Population 1915	Librarian	Year founded	Books			Borrowers	
					Total number volumes	Volumes added 1915	Number volumes loaned 1915	City	Country
114	Storm Lake	3,158	Elizabeth Walpole	1906	3,584	546	11,681	1,690	13
115	Stuart	1,849	Mrs. C. H. Leighton	1901	3,671	529	8,032	716	12
116	Tama	2,621	Mrs. H. C. Woods	1906	4,550	355	14,512	1,292	8
117	Tipton	2,176	Helen Schriver	1901	6,906	725	23,606	1,222	300
118	Traer	1,378	Marion Hutt	1912	1,139	141	5,080	320	61
119	Villisca	2,132	Frances J. Barker	1908	4,398	87	7,820	877	23
120	Vinton	3,996	Elizabeth F. Williams	1902	8,880	233	14,749	1,885	3
121	Washington	4,544	Eva G. Denny	1878	9,136	272	16,967	1,272	29
122	Waterloo	33,097	Maria C. Brace	1897	23,912	964	130,262	7,035	54
*123	Waukon	2,168	Jennie Jones						
124	Waverly	3,561	Mrs. E. L. Kenney	1865	5,560	389	12,633	1,034	
§125	Webster City	5,834	E. D. Burgess	1898	11,225	594	20,439		
*126	Wellman	839	Ella Weller	1908	1,400				
127	West Branch	712	Gladys Hinchman	1904	2,513	206	9,903	419	72
128	West Liberty	1,760	Mrs. Eva Ball	1900	4,811	216	1,313	1,603	20
§129	Whiting	642	Chloe Rains	1913	1,883	501	5,944	312	224
130	Winterset	2,860	Mary Cassidy	1892	9,018	126	13,139	2,052	
131	Woodbine	1,613	Maude Van Scoy	1908	3,720	420	5,993	819	6

\*New library not full report.  
†No report received for 1915.  
‡Rural extension, county borrowers registered at branches.  
§Supported by endowment.



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## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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Number	Place	Receipts				Expenditures						Hours open per week
		Income from city tax	No. mills city tax levy	Income township tax	Income other sources	Books	Building and repairs	Periodicals	Salaries	Janitor service	Heat and light	
1	Albia	\$ 2,943	2½	---	150	\$ 417	\$ 140	\$ 40	\$ 570	\$ 180	\$ 147	36
2	Alden	1,542	2½	---	312	169	44	69	174	130	132	30
3	Algona	111	1	---	---	243	---	75	690	150	343	33
4	Ames	1,492	3	---	54	599	109	156	1,286	301	264	51
5	Anamosa	1,625	2½	---	---	286	9	82	480	100	276	38
6	Atlantic	659	5	\$ 366	---	361	409	70	480	345	194	45
7	Audubon	2,500	---	---	---	243	100	49	560	163	202	33
*8	Bedford	2,796	---	---	\$ 252	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
*9	Belmond	1,284	3	---	279	156	---	49	285	210	228	36
10	Bloomfield	2,038	2½	---	---	363	184	118	1,444	109	345	66
11	Boone	1,256	3	---	396	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
*12	Britt	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
13	Burlington	---	---	---	---	2,537	586	204	3,842	691	838	72
+14	Callender	1,182	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
15	Carroll	2,713	2	---	---	226	381	28	495	81	---	35
16	Cedar Falls	---	---	---	---	911	15	214	854	359	234	60
17	Cedar Rapids	---	---	---	---	---	518	394	6,573	1,045	1,230	84
18	Centerville	9,277	1.9	---	190	4,188	45	73	498	388	152	51
19	Central City	---	---	---	---	154	---	18	75	---	19	14
20	Chariton	1,293	2½	337	1,399	189	77	104	600	170	172	36
21	Charles City	15,689	1.8	---	---	752	35	65	900	360	314	34
22	Cherokee	2,346	1½	---	153	353	220	98	664	264	17	39
23	Clarinda	1,899	2½	---	---	462	79	125	925	150	330	36
24	Clarion	+2,871	3	---	---	237	8	69	\$540	---	224	33
25	Clear Lake	1,535	3	---	---	164	54	20	325	---	60	38
26	Clinton	1,540	3½	---	---	2,266	266	220	3,535	760	760	72
27	Colfax	9,827	2½	---	---	200	33	63	399	103	117	30
28	Corning	1,152	3	---	462	135	84	58	390	105	118	21
29	Council Bluffs	796	2½	---	---	5,069	348	253	5,688	969	731	79
30	Cresco	14,413	3	---	430	668	15	90	723	136	409	39
31	Davenport	1,611	3	502	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
		25,781	1	---	---	4,187	1,110	422	7,550	1,615	1,064	76



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Number	Place	Receipts				Expenditures						
		Income from city tax	No. mills city tax levy	Income township tax	Income other sources	Books	Building and repairs	Periodicals	Salaries	Janitor service	Heat and light	Hours open per week
*32	Decorah											
33	Denison	1,616				134	87	6	540	240	190	33
34	Des Moines	31,640	1.1			5,416	482	718	15,745	2,820	1,313	76
35	DeWitt	829	2		62	234	65	26	316	7	203	30
36	Dubuque	9,996	$\frac{1}{3}$		1,000	1,335	1,196	386	4,886	900	952	72
37	Dunlap	417	2	522	118	14	63	70	360	103	120	28
38	Eagle Grove	1,417	3		16	115	52	26	300	157	177	30
39	Eddyville	219				124			52			6
40	Eldon	420	3	300	31	266	19	4	240	112	110	33
41	Eldora	1,699	$3\frac{1}{2}$		400	333	248	105	613	120	82	32
42	Emmetsburg	1,388	3		50	435	174	91	420	120	199	30
43	Estherville	1,980	3			567	37	94	733	228	56	45
44	Fairfield	2,140	$2\frac{1}{2}$		368	304	172	101	800	480	308	53
45	Forest City	795	3			205		68	252		72	30
46	Fort Dodge	5,918		197		1,026	165	155	2,692	558	493	75
47	Fort Madison	2,505				596	359	128	807	300	154	54
48	Galva	90	1		375	121	99	13				8
49	Garner	675	3		76	169	3	52	88	94	61	33
50	Glenwood	905	$3\frac{1}{2}$			73	202	6	340	52	171	39
*51	Greenfield											
52	Grinnell	1,948	2	156	319	212	889	107	1,233	222	60	50
53	Grundy Center	805	$2\frac{1}{2}$	81		385	61	44	484		140	30
*54	Hamburg											
55	Hampton	1,682			81	180	64	62	768	178	298	45
*56	Harlan											
57	Hawarden	835	3		56	176	31		356	162	43	30
†58	Hawkeye											
59	Humboldt											
60	Independence	1,367	3		127	231	34	67	425	167	117	30
61	Indianola	1,479	2			328		84	420	200	168	33
62	Iowa City	2,503	$4\frac{1}{4}$			194	60	120	1,002	120	169	50
63	Iowa Falls	5,630	$2\frac{1}{2}$		225	940	154	74	1,976	600	422	75
64	Jefferson	1,997	2		89	148	67	170	750	169	371	45
		1,288	$2\frac{1}{2}$		37	419		47	420	228	173	28



65	Keokuk	3,500			2,269	799	728	141	1,845	600	298	76
66	Knoxville	1,624	3			455	19	60	435	180	200	24
67	Lake City	851	3			105	8		300	155	93	16
68	Laurens	402	3			68	22		97	36	27	8
69	LeMars	2,189	3			241	22	114	720	177	241	48
70	Leon	600	2			89	73	31	302		148	27
*71	Logan											
*72	Malvern											
73	Manchester	2,087			60	272	62	65	504	89	248	45
74	Maquoketa	1,542	2½		200	264	206	69	600	216	116	42
75	Marengo	1,332	4½		11	251	14	60	340	180	223	36
76	Marion	1,928	2½		274	360	49	55	435	116	291	36
77	Marshalltown	5,043	2½		30	878	489	175	2,230	480	465	71
78	Mason City	8,480	2½		233	1,200	521	185	3,786	343	664	78
79	Maxwell	150			108	57			90		10	
80	Missouri Valley	2,369	5		190	289	179	32	694	242	236	30
81	Monticello	1,629	4		115	306	35	86	540	172	311	36
*82	Mount Ayr											
83	Mount Pleasant	2,093	3		82	447	37	109	887	197	272	72
84	Muscatine	5,762	1½			756	340	136	2,564	660	461	75
85	Nashua	680	3		70	197	73	39	254	58	78	18
86	Nevada	1,478	3.3		332	128	104	66	367	104	232	30
87	New Hampton	1,273	3		73	213	45	45	394	82	149	36
88	Newton	3,727	3½		134	619	94	96	1,502	405	362	42
89	Odebolt	694	3		11	80	11	52	100	48	74	15
90	Oelwein	2,228	3			676			535			38
91	Onawa	1,169	3½	1,059	55	658	7	78	1,060	202	32	45
92	Osage	1,755	2½		250	208	1,079	66	510	233	286	39
93	Osceola	1,162	2¼			426	25	54	505	161	134	28
94	Oskaloosa	4,435	2½		18	869	179	151	1,937	413	493	66
95	Ottumwa	6,457	1¾			1,010	94	173	2,604	540		75
96	Paton	147	3		20	55			86			5
†97	Paullina											
98	Pella	1,399	3		610	575	62	35	510	180	104	37
99	Perry	2,398	3			517	4	68	777		250	36
100	Red Oak	2,651	3			995	6	85	600	342	490	42
*101	Reinbeck											
102	Rock Rapids	1,609				151	2	55	420	150	127	30
*103	Rock Valley											
104	Rockwell City	1,466	4			205	125	59	420	202	143	38
105	Sac City	1,446	3		5	332	102	45	395	209	128	33
106	Sanborn	507	3		44	168	40	11	112	72	29	7
107	Sheldon	1,405	3		11	199	4	62	427	180	264	36
108	Shenandoah	2,159	3			477	229	95	891	230	190	49
109	Sibley	556	2			157	5	26	150		13	7
110	Sigourney	1,048	2½			210	116	46	300	168	178	30
111	Sioux City	24,878	2		1,193	4,756	293	725	11,362	1,827	1,366	75



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Number	Place	Receipts				Expenditures						
		Income from city tax	No. mills city tax levy	Income township tax	Income other sources	Books	Building and repairs	Periodicals	Salaries	Janitor service	Heat and light	Hours open per week
112	Spencer	1,903	3		28	504	351	48	452	260	371	30
113	Spirit Lake	922	3½		300	162	92	88	300	113	297	36
114	Storm Lake	1,881	2.8		174	563	39	46	550	210	201	35
115	Stuart	738	3			345	76	69	300	12		30
116	Tama	936	2¼		30	395	10	3	215	195	103	11
117	Tipton	1,900	4	289	212	670	118	72	740	300	255	39
118	Traer	1,481	5	245		43		32	246		39	37
119	Villisca	904	3			96	3	48	368	114	130	25
120	Vinton	1,467	2			249	17	179	600	143	11	35
121	Washington	2,161	1¼			255	393	101	649	120	99	36
122	Waterloo	13,516	2		323	1,055	574	426	7,347	1,309	1,114	75
*123	Waukon											
124	Waverly	1,662	2			399	146	74	489		96	33
§125	Webster City											
*126	Wellman											
127	West Branch	442	2½		43	76	5	53	186		74	24
128	West Liberty	1,036	2½		20	121	14	76	360	120	164	30
§129	Whiting				1,143	301		38	260	123	137	13
130	Winterset	1,575	3			217	7		715	300	138	48
131	Woodbine	453	2	437	47	465	7	121	270	105	100	15

\*New library not full report.

†Includes township tax.

‡No report received for 1915.

§Supported by endowment.



## ASSOCIATION AND SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARIES.

Place	Name of Library	Librarian	Total number of volumes
Adel	Library Association	Mrs. H. R. Straight	177
Afton	Library Association		806
Alta	Library Association	Grace Clemons	950
Anita	Public Library	Mrs. L. J. Hofmeister	1,384
Anthon	Public Library	Mrs. Mate D. Chattin	1,289
Avoca	Public Library	Mrs. W. A. Maxwell	2,350
Belle Plaine	Library Association	Mrs. Ida Rank	1,600
Brooklyn	Y. P. Christian Ass'n	Gertrude Newkirk	425
Calmar	Parent Teachers Pub. Library		180
Coon Rapids	Public Library	Mrs. Edward Garst	1,175
Correctionville	Library Association	Mrs. Lillian Woodruff	1,889
Corydon	Public Library	Mrs. N. Loomis Corbin	3,500
Creston	Public Library	Bella Alderson	3,544
Elma	Public Library	Beryl Brandmill	400
Exira	Thursday Club	Mrs. Anna McAnich	1,600
Fonda	Library Association	James L. O'Keefe	49
Fontanelle	Library Association	Mrs. L. A. Peckham	974
Garden Grove	Public Library	Mrs. May F. Hoadley	810
Gowrie	Library Association	Mrs. Frank Triplett	310
Grand Junction	Public Library	Amy Rugg	550
Grand River	Library Association	Mrs. Muleakay	200
Greene	Public Library	Ethel Tiddick	3,000
Guthrie Center	Woman's Club	Mrs. Anna McLuen	1,175
Hornick	Library Association		
Ida Grove	Public Library	Laura Lovett	4,000
Kellerton	Public Library	Mrs. Bob Trechler	203
Keosauqua	Library Association	Mrs. Josie B. Sherman	200
Keota	Public Library	Mrs. E. C. Gilbert	650
Kiron	B. Y. P. U. Public Library	Alice L. Sandberg	630
Lansing	Library Association	Martha H. Hemenway	1,360
Letts	Library Association		350
Lewis	Public Library	Mrs. Frank Stalnaker	750
Lost Nation	Hearth Stone Club	Mary Glick	200
Lyons	Lyons Y. M. Library Ass'n	Jeanette F. Balch	10,000
Macedonia	Public Library	Mrs. Delia Kennedy	972
Marcus	Library Association	Mrs. W. E. Willey	677
Morning Sun	Public Library Ass'n		300
Northwood	Library Association	Mrs. A. K. Trustem	1,200
Ocheyedan	W. C. T. U. Public Library	Mrs. Anna B. Henderson	525
Orange City	Public Library	Mrs. Y. Dykstra	800
Parkersburg	Public Library	Etta Taylor	
Primghar	Woman's Club	Mary McCroskey	435
Redfield	Library Association		1,800
Rockwell	Public Library	Mrs. Grace R. McClelland	500
Salem	Public Library	Mrs. Anna Johnson	1,000
Seymour	Library Association	Mrs. O. E. Blakely	1,000
Sumner	Public Library	Flossie Lease	1,015
Sutherland			
Trenton	Henry Co. Inst. of Science	Mrs. Rose Roberts	2,015
Union	Library Association	Alma Hauser	1,000
What Cheer	Thursday Club	Mrs. Charles B. Taylor	
Winfield	Public Library	Mrs. Wm. Berger	900



LIBRARIES IN STATE INSTITUTIONS UNDER BOARD OF CONTROL  
ELIZA E. TOWNSEND, SUPERVISING LIBRARIAN

Place	Name of Library	Volumes added 1915	Total number of volumes
Anamosa -----	State Reformatory -----	235	8,331
Cherokee -----	State Hospital -----	90	2,325
Clarinda -----	State Hospital -----	249	1,198
Council Bluffs -----	School for the Deaf -----	208	4,146
Davenport -----	Soldiers' Orphans' Home -----	19	3,255
Eldora -----	Industrial School for Boys -----	336	3,349
Ft. Madison -----	State Penitentiary -----		6,489
Glenwood -----	Institution for Feeble Minded Children -----		1,070
Independence -----	State Hospital -----	265	2,120
Knoxville -----	Hospital for Inebriates -----	195	1,472
Marshalltown -----	Iowa Soldiers' Home -----		1,490
Mitchellville -----	Industrial School for Girls -----		1,842
Mt. Pleasant -----	State Hospital -----		2,747
Oakdale -----	State Sanatorium for Treatment of Tuberculosis -----	152	881

PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS IN IOWA.

Place	Donor	Cost of building	Year erected
Albia -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	\$ 10,000	1908
Alden -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	9,000	1913
Algona -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	10,000	1905
Ames -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	16,000	1904
Anamosa -----	D. A. R. subscription -----	12,000	1900
Atlantic -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	12,000	1903
Audubon -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	10,000	1912
*Bedford -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	10,000	1916
*Belmond -----	Henry Crist -----	12,000	1916
Bloomfield -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	10,000	1913
Boone -----	Senator O. J. A. Ericson -----	15,000	1901
Burlington -----	P. M. Crapo and tax -----	60,000	1898
Carroll -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	10,000	1905
Cedar Falls -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	15,000	1903
Cedar Rapids -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	75,000	1905
Centerville -----	General F. M. Drake -----	30,000	1903
Central City -----	John O. Clegg -----	2,000	1916
Chariton -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	11,000	1904
Charles City -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	12,500	1904
Cherokee -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	12,000	1905
Clarinda -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	15,000	1909
Clarion -----	Morgan Evarts -----	10,000	1907
Clinton -----	Andrew Carnegie and Mrs. E. L. Young -----	45,000	
Colfax -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	6,500	1913
Corning -----	Mrs. M. A. Rawson -----	2,500	1900
Council Bluffs -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	70,000	1905
Cresco -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	17,500	1914
Davenport -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	75,000	1904
Denison -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	12,500	1904
Des Moines -----	City tax -----	300,000	1904
DeWitt -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	6,500	1908
Dubuque -----	Andrew Carnegie, F. D. Stout and citizens -----	100,000	1902
Dunlap -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	10,000	1912
Eagle Grove -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	10,000	1903
Eldon -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	7,500	1913
Eldora -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	10,000	1903
Emmetsburg -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	10,000	1912
Estherville -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	10,000	1903
Forest City -----	City tax -----	2,000	1899
Fairfield -----	Andrew Carnegie -----	40,000	1893



## PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS

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Place	Donor	Cost of building	Year erected
Fort Dodge	Andrew Carnegie	30,000	1904
Fort Madison	Mrs. Carrie Cattermole	25,000	1893
Garner	Andrew Carnegie	6,500	1915
Glenwood	Andrew Carnegie	7,500	1907
*Greenfield	Andrew Carnegie	7,500	1916
Grinnell	Joel Stewart	15,000	1901
Grundy Center	Andrew Carnegie	6,000	1912
Hampton	Andrew Carnegie	11,000	1905
Hawarden	Andrew Carnegie	5,000	1903
Humboldt	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1909
Independence	Perry Munson	15,000	1894
Indianola	Andrew Carnegie	12,000	1904
Iowa City	Andrew Carnegie	35,000	1904
Iowa Falls	Andrew Carnegie and E. S. Ellsworth	18,000	1905
Jefferson	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1904
Keokuk	J. L. Rice and citizens	30,000	1883
Knoxville	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1913
Lake City	Andrew Carnegie	7,500	1910
Laurens	Andrew Carnegie	3,800	1910
LeMars	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1904
Leon	Andrew Carnegie	6,000	1906
*Malvern	Andrew Carnegie	8,000	1916
Manchester	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1903
Maquoketa	Andrew Carnegie	12,500	1903
Marengo	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1905
Marion	Andrew Carnegie	11,200	1904
Marshalltown	Andrew Carnegie	30,000	1903
Mason City	Andrew Carnegie and citizens	30,000	1904
Missouri Valley	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1911
Monticello	Andrew Carnegie	12,500	1904
*Mt. Ayr	Andrew Carnegie	8,000	1916
Mt. Pleasant	Andrew Carnegie	12,500	1905
Muscatine	P. M. Musser	40,000	1902
Nashua	Andrew Carnegie	6,000	1905
Nevada	Silliman estate and city tax	10,000	1900
New Hampton	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1910
Newton	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1902
Odebolt	Andrew Carnegie and W. W. Field	4,000	1904
Onawa	Andrew Carnegie, and Addison Oliver	20,000	1909
Osage	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1910
Osceola	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1911
Oskaloosa	Andrew Carnegie	22,500	1903
Ottumwa	Andrew Carnegie	50,000	1902
Paullina	F. G. Frothingham and citizens	5,000	1907
Pella	Andrew Carnegie	11,000	1907
Perry	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1904
Red Oak	Andrew Carnegie	12,500	1909
Rock Rapids	O. P. Miller and Thompson estate	4,000	1902
Rockwell City	Andrew Carnegie	8,000	1909
Sac City	Andrew Carnegie	8,000	1913
Sanborn	Andrew Carnegie	4,000	1912
Sheldon	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1909
Shenandoah	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1905
Sigourney	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1914
Sioux City	Andrew Carnegie	75,000	1913
Spencer	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1905
Spirit Lake	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1912
Storm Lake	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1906
Stuart	Andrew Carnegie	6,000	1908
Tama	Andrew Carnegie	8,000	1907
Tipton	Andrew Carnegie and citizens	13,000	1903
Traer	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1915
Villisca	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1909
Vinton	Andrew Carnegie and C. and W. C. Ellis	12,500	1902
Washington	Mrs. J. A. Chilcote	12,500	1901
Waterloo	Andrew Carnegie (two buildings)	45,000	1905
Waverly	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1904
Webster City	Kendall Young	50,000	1905
West Branch	Mrs. Hulda Enlow	2,000	1904
West Liberty	Andrew Carnegie	7,500	1906
Winterset	Andrew Carnegie	10,000	1905
Woodbine	Andrew Carnegie	7,500	1910



# FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, BY COUNTIES—ON A MUNICIPAL TAX BASIS.

Adair County	Greenfield
Adams County	Corning
Allamakee County	Waukon
Appanoose County	Centerville
Audubon County	Audubon
Benton County	Vinton
Black Hawk County	Cedar Falls, Waterloo
Boone County	Boone
Bremer County	Waverly
Buchanan County	Independence
Buena Vista County	Storm Lake
Butler County	None
Calhoun County	Lake City, Rockwell City
Carroll County	Carroll
Cass County	Atlantic
Cedar County	Tipton, West Branch
Cerro Gordo County	Clear Lake, Mason City
Cherokee County	Cherokee
Chickasaw County	Nashua, New Hampton
Clarke County	Osceola
Clay County	Spencer
Clayton County	None
Clinton County	Clinton, De Witt
Crawford County	Denison
Dallas County	Perry
Davis County	Bloomfield
Decatur County	Leon
Delaware County	Manchester
Des Moines County	Burlington
Dickinson County	Spirit Lake
Dubuque County	Dubuque
Emmet County	Estherville
Fayette County	Hawkeye, Oelwein
Floyd County	Charles City
Franklin County	Hampton
Fremont County	Hamburg
Greene County	Jefferson, Paton
Grundy County	Grundy Center, Reinbeck
Guthrie County	Stuart
Hamilton County	Webster City (Kendall Young Library)
Hancock County	Britt, Garner
Hardin County	Alden, Eldora, Iowa Falls, Logan
Harrison County	Dunlap, Missouri Valley, Woodbine
Henry County	Mt. Pleasant
Howard County	Cresco
Humboldt County	Humboldt
Ida County	Galva
Iowa County	Marengo
Jackson County	Maquoketa
Jasper County	Colfax, Newton
Jefferson County	Fairfield
Johnson County	Iowa City



Jones County	-----	Anamosa, Monticello
Keokuk County	-----	Sigourney
Kossuth County	-----	Algona
Lee County	-----	Ft. Madison, Keokuk
Linn County	-----	Cedar Rapids, Central City, Marion
Louisa County	-----	None
Lucas County	-----	Chariton
Lyon County	-----	Rock Rapids
Madison County	-----	Winterset
Mahaska County	-----	Oskaloosa
Marion County	-----	Knoxville, Pella
Marshall County	-----	Marshalltown
Mills County	-----	Glenwood, Malvern
Mitchell County	-----	Osage
Monona County	-----	Onawa, Whiting
Monroe County	-----	Albia
Montgomery County	-----	Red Oak, Villisca
Muscatine County	-----	Muscatine, West Liberty
O'Brien County	-----	Paullina, Sanborn, Sheldon
Osceola County	-----	Sibley
Page County	-----	Clarinda, Shenandoah
Palo Alto County	-----	Emmetsburg
Plymouth County	-----	Le Mars
Pocahontas County	-----	Laurens
Polk County	-----	Des Moines
Pottawattamie County	-----	Council Bluffs
Poweshiek County	-----	Grinnell
Ringgold County	-----	Mt. Ayr
Sac County	-----	Odebolt, Sac City
Scott County	-----	Davenport
Shelby County	-----	Harlan
Sioux County	-----	Hawarden, Rock Valley
Story County	-----	Ames, Maxwell, Nevada
Tama County	-----	Tama, Traer
Taylor County	-----	Bedford
Union County	-----	None
Van Buren County	-----	None
Wapello County	-----	Eddyville, Eldon, Ottumwa
Warren County	-----	Indianola
Washington County	-----	Washington, Wellman
Wayne County	-----	None
Webster County	-----	Callender, Ft. Dodge
Winnebago County	-----	Forest City
Winneshiek County	-----	Decorah
Woodbury County	-----	Sioux City
Worth County	-----	None
Wright County	-----	Belmond, Clarion, Eagle Grove



## MISCELLANEOUS LIBRARIES.

Place	Name of Library	Librarian	Volumes added 1915	Total number of volumes
Cedar Rapids -----	Bohemian Reading Society--	Anthony Soukup -----	20	2,460
Cedar Rapids -----	Iowa Masonic Library-----	Newton R. Parvin-----	1,135	28,750
Davenport -----	Academy of Sciences-----	J. H. Paarmann-----	1,297	64,897
Lamoni -----	Latter Day Saint-----	Estella Wight -----	39	2,103

## LIBRARIES IN STATE INSTITUTIONS.

Ames -----	Iowa State College-----	-----	4,490	55,900
Cedar Falls -----	Iowa State Teachers' Col.--	Anne Stuart Duncan-----	2,867	46,290
Des Moines -----	Historical Department -----	E. R. Harlan-----	1,610	18,294
Des Moines -----	State Lib. (inc. Law Lib.)	Johnson Brigham -----	11,903	142,841
Des Moines -----	State Traveling Library-----	Reba Davis -----	2,573	32,367
Iowa City -----	State Historical Society----	Ruth A. Gallaher-----	1,497	42,914
Iowa City -----	State University -----	Jane E. Roberts-----	7,688	125,632
Iowa City -----	S. U. I. Law Library-----	Elmer A. Wilcox-----	1,193	19,876

## COLLEGE AND ACADEMY LIBRARIES.

Cedar Rapids -----	Coe College -----	Miranda Scoville -----	637	13,650
Clinton -----	Wartburg College -----	H. Kuhlman -----	50	5,100
Decorah -----	Luther College -----	C. A. Naeseth-----	670	19,863
Denison -----	Normal & Business College--	Hugo Keller -----	-----	500
Des Moines -----	Des Moines College-----	Eva M. Page -----	259	9,176
Des Moines -----	Drake University -----	Rae Stockham -----	1,021	28,330
Des Moines -----	Grand View College-----	S. Isaksen -----	50	4,000
Des Moines -----	Highland Park College-----	Dorothy Kautz -----	100	7,500
Dubuque -----	Dubuque College -----	Rev. Arthur M. Clark--	1,000	12,000
Dubuque -----	Wartburg Theol. Sem.-----	Geo. J. Fritschel-----	50	-----
Epworth -----	Epworth Seminary -----	Mrs. E. P. Fogg-----	60	4,000
Fairfield -----	Parsons College -----	Emma L. Kirk-----	305	9,026
Fayette -----	Upper Iowa University-----	-----	-----	-----
Forest City -----	Waldorf College-----	O. T. Moen-----	25	2,500
Grinnell -----	Grinnell College -----	L. L. Dickerson-----	2,338	55,816
Hopkinton -----	Lenox College -----	Marion Bollman -----	102	9,972
Indianola -----	Simpson College -----	Maide Baker -----	1,200	10,900
Iowa Falls -----	Ellsworth College -----	Carrie Reynolds -----	180	7,700
Lamoni -----	Graceland College -----	George N. Briggs-----	500	9,000
Mt. Pleasant -----	Iowa Wesleyan College-----	Ruth C. Logan-----	210	16,550
Mt. Vernon -----	Cornell College -----	May L. Fairbanks-----	1,715	41,715
Orange City -----	Rapelye College -----	Thos. E. Welmers-----	200	-----
Osage -----	Cedar Valley Seminary-----	Millie Carter -----	100	3,600
Oskaloosa -----	Penn College -----	Rosa E. Lewis-----	412	6,094
Pella -----	Central College -----	-----	-----	8,013
Shenandoah -----	Western Normal College-----	Mrs. A. W. Jones-----	-----	2,000
Sioux City -----	Morningside College-----	Mrs. Jessie H. Jackson--	1,300	20,000
Storm Lake -----	Buena Vista College-----	Edith Cooke -----	900	9,900
Tabor -----	Tabor College -----	Ava F. Hunter-----	353	17,503
Toledo -----	Leander Clark College-----	-----	-----	-----



